



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR 2009/10 ONGOING ESTIMATES HEARING

ESPERANCE PORT AUTHORITY HELD ON

THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

HON LJILJANNA RAVLICH MLC ASKED –

1. External Consultancies
 - 1.1 What did the Esperance Port Authority (EPA) spend on external consultancies throughout the past year?
 - 1.2 What recommendations were made by the external consultancies?
 - 1.3 Do you agree with these recommendations?
 - 1.4 Have you implemented these recommendations, or do you plan to implement these recommendations in the coming year?
2. I refer to the five year stage 2 of the Port's Development Plan, and page 453, Volume 2 of the Budget Papers and ask -
 - 2.1 How much of the \$38m budget allocation will be expended and in what time period within Stage 2?
 - 2.2 Is Stage 2 reliant on further budget allocations in future years or will it be completely funded through this budget allocation?
 - 2.3 If Stage 2 requires further funding, what is the shortfall between what is required and what has been allocated?
 - 2.4 Has the EPA made a submission to the Government for the extra funding to complete Stage 2?
 - 2.5 If yes to (2.4), what was the Government's response?
 - 2.6 What infrastructure requirements, outside of the EPA's immediate area of responsibility, (i.e. access road and rail, industrial parks) are required for completion of Stage 2 and has funding been secured for any of these requirements?

- 2.7 If funding is not secured for the completion of Stage 2, at what point will the EPA's plan become redundant and require rescoping?
3. In relation to the recent announcement from the Board of Western Area's about its agreement with China's largest nickel company, the Jinchuan Group Limited, to sell up to 25,000 tonnes of nickel over a two year period, how is the EPA's handling capacity placed to deal with this?
4. Is there the transport infrastructure available to accommodate the transport of the nickel from the Forrestania Nickel Project to the port?
5. I refer to the EPA's environmental license and ask -
- 5.1 Is the EPA on track to upgrade and complete the port's storage transfer and ship loading chute facilities by 6 January 2011 as is required by its environmental license?
- 5.2 What is the estimated total cost of these works?
- 5.3 Has this full amount been allocated in the Budget or the Forward Estimates?
- 5.4 If no to (5.3), has the EPA made a submission to the Government for the full funding to comply with its license conditions?
- 5.5 If yes to (5.4), what was the Government response?
6. Is the EPA redirecting any capital works expenditure? If so, can you provide details including value?
7. Is the EPA selling surplus government land or assets, and if so can the Minister provide a list of land or assets earmarked for sale?
8. Is the EPA proposing to privatise any of its functions or contract out any of its services? If so, which ones?
9. Is the EPA intending to reduce staff numbers over the next 4 years and if so what ceiling has the authority set and how many staff will be shed?
10. Is the EPA aware of the Government's new responsible public sector wages policy? If so, what is it?

HON KEN TRAVERS MLC ASKED –

11. As of the last date you reported to Treasury on your finances:
- 11.1 Can you please identify all accounts held by your agency?
- 11.2 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?

- 11.3 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 11.4 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
12. As of the last date you internally monitored each account your agency has:
- 12.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 12.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 12.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
13. Please provide, for each question below, for each account held by your agency the figures as of 30 June 2009?
- 13.1 How much cash is held in each of these accounts?
- 13.2 How much of this cash is restricted or subject to approval or control?
- 13.3 As of this date, what is your estimated annual average cash as a percentage of your appropriation?
14. For the following categories -
- i) Media and Marketing;
 - ii) Advertising; and
 - iii) Consultants.
- 14.1 Please provide how much was spent on the above in the 07/08 and 08/09 financial years.
- 14.2 How much is budgeted to be spent in each area in the 09/10 financial year?
- 14.3 Can you please define what activities you include in each of these areas?
- 14.4 Are there any activities that could be included in the ordinary meaning of the words that are not included in the above figures and if yes, please detail?